

**(LAKE MENDOCINO) COYOTE VALLEY DAM  
OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE**

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Lake Mendocino is located on the East Fork of the Russian River, about 5 miles northeast of Ukiah in Mendocino County, California. The Coyote Dam (also known as Coyote Valley Dam) project was authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1944 and completed in 1958 for purposes of flood control, water supply, recreation and stream flow regulation. The six million cubic yard dam is compacted earth fill with an impervious core and measures 160 feet high and 3,500 feet long. Lake Mendocino has a storage capacity of 122,500 acre-feet and has a total surface area of 1,822 acres. The lake has an ungated spillway, designed for a maximum release of 35,800 cubic feet per second. Major facilities include an anadromous endangered / protected fish species egg collection and imprinting facility, visitor cultural center complex, park headquarters, electrical power-plant (hydropower), developed campgrounds (300 sites), 18 primitive boat-in/hike-in campsites, a trail system, two boat launch ramps, swim beach, and picnic areas. Six hundred and eighty nine acres of the park's 5,110 acres are devoted to wildlife management. This park receives well over 977,000 visitors a year and annually collects \$455,000 in users fees, which is returned to the treasury.

**TOTAL FUNDING:**

TOTAL COST:	\$ N/A
FEDERAL COST:	\$ N/A
NON-FEDERAL COST:	\$ N/A

TOTAL FEDERAL COST FY05:	\$ 4,124,000
FISCAL YEAR 2006 BUDGET:	\$ 3,734,000
COST TO COMPLETE:	\$ N/A

FY 05 AND 06 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Normal annual operation of project for flood control, recreational and environmental stewardship purposes. Plans and specifications have been made for the various backlog maintenance issues.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: Future priorities include replacement of seriously eroded riprap on the upstream face of the dam. Restrooms and sewer lines need replacement or major upgrades inmost of the existing campgrounds.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: 1<sup>st</sup> District, Rep. Mike Thompson

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